



The Guardian

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Parents and Guardians Fall Roundup A Success

On November 3, 2006, several Parents, Guardians and friends descended on the campus Prairie View A&M University for the Parents' Roundup Luau, part of the 2006 Homecoming Activities.

The mission of the roundup was to provide parents and guardians the opportunity to meet with administrators and staff to share in the experiences of the students.

Addressing the group were Dr. Kelvin Kirby, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Mrs. Glenda Jones, Director for Career Outreach Services, Mr. Herbert Thomas, Placement Coordinator, Mr. Frederick V. Roberts, Program Coordinator and Ms. Kameko Bowers, Program Assistant, who conducted the election of the Parents Council.

There were very spirited discussions on issues affecting the students and the need for improvement



in services at the university, particularly in Financial Aid. Several parents voiced concern with customer relations and the need for trained personnel in the departments. Mr. Thomas informed the group on the

services offered by the Career Services department and how the parents could assist their students in making use of the services available to them.

The participants also had opportunities to share some of their experiences and how they might be involved with the association.

Several ideas were offered on ways to improve the activities and participation in the coming years. (see *Roundup on page 2*)

Parents Council Officers Elected

One activity of the Parents and Guardians Roundup was the election of officers to spearhead the Association at Prairie View A&M University.

Officers elected for the association are:

Mary Thompson, President; Carla Liggins, First Vice President; Ella Perry, Second Vice President; Karen Tomlin, Secretary; Jennifer Dearman, Treasurer; Moses Marian, Executive Representative. The Committee Chairpersons are: Patricia Oliver, Academic Affairs; Danny Liggins and Hubert Smith, Student Affairs; Arzella Miller, Career Development;

Jocelyn Burgin, Communication; Adrienne Gray, Recruitment; Joyce Laryea, Parents Fund.

The council officers will serve the association for 2006-07 and the positions will be ratified during the Spring Parents and Guardians Weekend in March.

The officers are charged with the responsibility of helping to organize the Spring Events and to encourage involvement of other parents and guardians.

Our Services . . .

The Career and Outreach Services Department is part of the Division of Student Affairs.

When your son or daughter registers with our office, they have access to a variety of services to assist in their career development. The services include and are not limited to Career Assessment and Testing, Counseling, Job Preparation, workshops and seminars on Resume' and letter writing, interviewing skills and techniques, salary negotiations, etiquette, investment dressing and healthy living.

We also have job listings that provide students with part-time employment, Internships, research assistantships and Co-Op experiences. Most students who participate in these activities gain experiences that better prepare them for full-time employment upon graduation. The students must register for the services with MonsterTRAK, the leading website providing career resources for college students and alumni to find employment opportunities.

Additionally, the Center sponsors and co-sponsors several Career Fairs during the year. On February 27th, we will sponsor the **Spring Career Fair** for all students. More than 60 companies, government and non-profit agencies will be on the campus to recruit students for job placements. We will also hold a **Graduate & Professional School Career Fair** on April 3, 2007 for students interested in attending graduate and professional schools.

Please encourage your child to take advantage of the opportunities available with the Center.

Roundup Success *(Continued from front page)*

Following the discussion, the attendees feasted on the sumptuous meal provided and participated in door prizes and other giveaways. Each participant received a specially designed Goblet for homecoming. They also had the opportunity to purchase the special T-Shirt (shown on the right).

The roundup concluded on Saturday with the special Parents Booth under the Alumni Homecoming Tent. Parents were able to register with the association, receive free bottled water, and purchase other paraphernalia on sale at the various booths. The group looks forward to bigger event this year.

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The Career and Outreach Services Department also sponsors the Summer Institute for Pre-College Enrichment for talented students in grades 10-12. The students are exposed to various programs identified as potential career options in agriculture, architecture and art, business, education, engineering, and health care, including pre-medicine and nursing.

The **2007 Institute is set for June 17-30** at Prairie View A&M University. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2007. See: www.pvamu.edu/careerservices for information and application. Please share this information with your family and friends.

Parents of the Year to be Awarded

Plans are underway for the 2007 Parents and Guardians Weekend at the University.

One highlight of the event will be the awards presentation of Parents of the Year to 10 Parents as nominated by the students and selected by a special committee on recognition.

Students must complete an application and provide information stating why their parents should receive the honor. Deadline for applications is March 11, 2007. Applications can be secured online or picked up in the Career Services Office, 209 Evans Hall or contact 936-261-3570.

Special Item!



T-Shirt is \$8.00, plus \$4.00 S & H
(Sizes M/L/XL/2XL)
Order yours today!

Make Check/MO payable to:
PVAMU Parents Association, and mail to:

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Greetings . . .

We are pleased to invite you to share Parents & Guardian Family Weekend March 30-31, 2007 at Prairie View A&M University.

We have planned an exciting schedule of events for your participation. If you have something you wish to be included, feel free to let us know in advance.

Please complete the form below and return it with the appropriate registration fee. We look forward to your attendance.

Thank you!

Registration Deadline: March 26, 2007

Registration fee:
\$20.00 per adult
\$10.00 per child 12-17years of age

Make Check or Money Order payable to:
PVAMU Parents Association, and mail with form to:

Prairie View Parents Association
Attn: Parents & Guardian Weekend
P.O. Box 519, Mail Stop 1028
Prairie View, Texas 77446

**Parents/Family Weekend
Schedule**

Friday, March 30, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. Registration– MSC Foyer
- 9:45 a.m. Assembly
- 11:00 a.m. Classroom visits
- 12-2:30 p.m. Lunch/University Bookstore Visit
- 3:00 p.m. Visit with Administrators
- 4:30 p.m. Wrap-Up
- *7:00 p.m. Entertainment

Saturday, March 31, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. Registration MSC Foyer
- 9:45 a.m. Concurrent Workshops
- 10:40 a.m. Student Life
- 11:35 a.m. Round Table Discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Parents Award Luncheon
- *2:00 p.m. Campus Tour
- *7:00 p.m. Entertainment – Talent Showcase

Sunday, April 1, 2007

- *11:00 a.m. Chapel Services

*Optional Activity

**Prairie View Parents Association
Parents & Guardian Family Weekend Registration Form**

Parent 1: _____ Parent 2: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Email address: _____

Additional persons attending: _____

Please check all that apply)

- I will be attending on: Friday, March 30, 2007 (9:00 am-7:00 pm) Saturday, March 31, 2007 (9:00 am-2:00 pm)
 Sunday, April 1, 2007 (optional) I will not be attending any of the events

Total amount of check/money order enclosed:
 _____ @ \$20.00/adult = \$ _____
 _____ @ \$10.00/child = \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Make Check/MO payable to: PVAMU Parents Association

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Important Dates to Remember in 2007

- Spring Semester Classes Begin—Jan. 16 8:00 a.m.
- Black History Month Programs
- May Graduation Application Deadline February 3- 5:00 p.m.
- Pantherland Day New Students—February 24
- Spring Career Festival Events
 - Resume' Fair 10:00 a.m.—3:00 pm. Feb. 26
 - Career Networking Social—6:00 p.m. (Houston) Feb. 26
 - Career (Job) Fair—February 27, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **Application Deadline—Parents/Family Weekend—March 11**
- Financial Aid for Summer 2007 Deadline March 1
- **Parents & Guardians' Family Weekend—March 30-31**
- Financial Aid for 2007-08 Deadline April 1
- 2007 Institute for Pre-College Enrichment
 - Application Deadline—April 15, 2007
 - Pre-College Institute begins June 17-30, 2007
- College of Education Job Fair, April 11, 2007
- 131st Anniversary Banquet Celebration—April 27, Houston
- Spring Graduation—May 12, 2007

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLEDGE

As a parent, I Pledge that, to the best of my ability, I will:

- show my scholar that I value education;
- encourage my scholar to be a reader, a listener and a leader;
- talk with my scholar about his/her school work, social and professional development;
- implore my scholar to be respectful and honorable in working with others;
- visit the university and meet the administrators, professors and staff;
- participate in university activities; and
- Become actively involved in the decision making process concerning my scholar's future development.

I pledge to become involved and stay involved, for education is a key to success and is one of the greatest gifts I can give my scholar.

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